

ESSAYS SUBMITTED SHOULD REFLECT

- An understanding and appreciation of the ideals of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr (his life, achievements and aspirations)
- Clarity and originality of written and artistic expression; and
- Adherence to the theme.

THEME FOR 2017 “Injustice Anywhere is a Threat to Justice Everywhere”

LITERARY CONTEST (Students should work with their teachers on submission criteria)

- Students are encouraged to submit (email) electronic literary entries to human-rights.commission@montgomerycountymd.gov. Essays must be 150 words or less, in poetry or essay format. On a separate cover, please list the student’s name, school, grade, teacher’s name and teacher’s email.
- Please submit a maximum of three (entries) per school to the MLK Essay Contest, C/O Montgomery County Office of Human Rights, 21 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20850. All entries must be received **NO LATER THAN Monday January 9, 2017.**
- Entries submitted by the schools will be scored by the Awards Committee at the Montgomery County Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Committee. The top three winners from throughout the County will be invited to read their essays and receive an award from the Montgomery County Executive Isaiah Leggett as part of the county-wide celebration on Monday, January 16, 2017.